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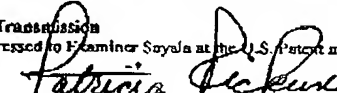
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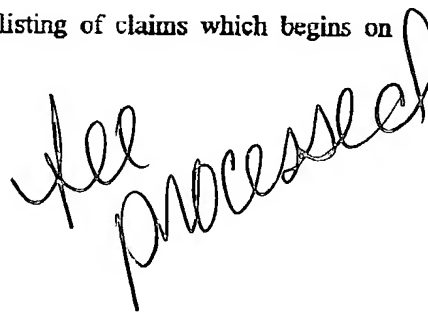
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are illustrated in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.



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Response

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that Claim 23 is allowed, and Claim 24 is allowable if amended to incorporate the limitation of Claim 3. The applicant has amended Claim 24 to incorporate the limitation of Claim 3, and Claim 3 is canceled accordingly.

The remaining claims, i.e., Claims 1-2 and 4-22, are either canceled or amended to read consistent with or dependent from Claim 23 and/or 24. Claims 1-3 and 20 are canceled, and Claims 4-9 are amended to depend directly or indirectly from Claim 23 and/or 24. Claims 10-12 and Claim 21 are amended to read consistent with Claim 23, and Claims 13-19 and 22 are dependent from one or more of these claims and remain unchanged.

The Examiner is authorized to charge our debit account no. 23,2053 for any additional fees required by these amendments.

The Examiner is requested to give quick and favorable attention to the claims as amended, to withdraw all rejections, and to forward the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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